

Official Diary

Friday, 3 April 1953

1. At the morning meeting indicated that the Soviets might cause us some embarrassment by supporting the Tripartite declaration on Trieste.

2. DCI indicated that [REDACTED] had raised with him the following questions:

a. They desired to discuss the results of the last two Soviet atomic blasts and would be willing to bring into the discussions the results of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be here from the 13th to the 21st of April and might well go into this matter. I later spoke to [REDACTED] and requested him to prepare a memo for the Director explaining the legal situation, with particular reference to how far we could go under the law and whether we would have to go through the proceeding with the Joint Committee, as was done in the [REDACTED] case.

b. [REDACTED] also raised the question of [REDACTED] and inquired whether a younger replacement would be desirable. Advised the DCI that [REDACTED] replacement should be younger and junior to [REDACTED] and Mr. Dulles indicated that he would so advise the Ambassador.

c. At the morning meeting reference was made to the fact that [REDACTED] was coming back for consultation and I am asking [REDACTED] to get his schedule and reserve some substantial period for him to talk with Amory and myself.

4. Discussed DCI's briefing for next Wednesday.

5. Was briefed by [REDACTED] on certain matters relating to Iran and called to the attention of DCI the implications of these matters under present circumstances, particularly possible Soviet reactions.

6. With [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] and discussed the following points:

a. CIA's arrangements with NSA on PT with which [REDACTED] expressed complete accord.

b. The nomination of [REDACTED] as Executive Secretary of USCIB, with which [REDACTED] also agreed.

c. The present status of the "B" project.

d. In the light of the Watch Committee report on TULs in China, I expressed to [REDACTED] the view that we had not properly handled this matter in the NIE dealing with courses of action in Korea and he conceded that this was the case. I urged that he impress upon his people the desirability of ingenuity in "flotation".